Air services on Delhi-Raipur-Jabalpur-Delhi sector

†4230. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of persons travelling per day during the last one year by Delhi-Raipur-Jabalpur-Delhi flight of the Alliance Air;

(b) the reasons for reducing one day in its total number of flight days;

(c) whether there is any proposal to further increase the number of flight days and whether there is also any scheme for expansion of Delhi-Raipur-Jabalpur-Delhi flight; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The average number of passengers carried per day on Delhi-Raipur-Jabalpur-Delhi flight during the financial year 2001-2002 are as under:

Sector	Total Passengers	Average Daily Passengers
Delhi-Raipur	15293	42
Raipur-Delhi	14760	40
Delhi-Jabalpur	1567	4
Jabalpur-Delhi	1443	4
Raipur-Jabalpur	248	1

Prior to September, 2001, Jabalpur was linked with thrice a week Dornier DO-228 flight on Delhi-Gwalior-Jabalpur sector and return. Indian Airlines introduced Boeing 737 aircraft in September, 2001 by operation of a thrice weekly service on Delhi-Raipur-Jabalpur-Delhi route. Due to extremely low passenger demand and as a part of route rationalisation process, the Boeing flights were made twice a week effective from 7th November, 2001 and subsequently *w.e.f.* 25.2.2002 thrice a week Dornier flights were reintroduced on Delhi-Gwalior-Jabalpur and return route.

Passenger demand being adequately met, increase in number of flights days or other changes are not necessitated.

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